



## **Decluttering: What to do with all that stuff?**

### **Indianapolis**

Sometimes it's easier to part with items when you can find a good place to donate them. In addition to Goodwill, there are many nonprofits in the greater Indianapolis area that are actively seeking donations of pre-owned clothing, housewares, and other items. This list is ever evolving, but it's a start!

**Please note that items should be in good working order.**

**Check organizational websites to confirm donation guidelines.**

### **HOUSEWARES**

Exodus Refugee Immigration – <https://www.exodusrefugee.org/>

*Helps refugees from more than 50 different countries establish new lives in Indiana*

- New or gently used furniture, linens, kitchen items and more

Fair Haven – <https://fairhavenfoundation.org/>

*Provides a home-away-from-home for families who travel to Indianapolis for critical medical care*

- Collecting gently-used home accessories, furniture, artwork, dishware, estate jewelry, and more through the year for their annual [Parisian Flea Market](#)

Good News Ministries – <https://goodnewsministries.com/other-ways/>

*Ministry serving underprivileged people of the inner city, including a men's shelter and a youth center*

- Women's, men's and children's clothing, dishes, housewares, appliances, furniture, sporting goods and more. Pickups of furniture and large household appliances can be arranged.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore – <https://www.indyrestore.com/>

*All proceeds benefit Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity as it builds homes, communities and hope for families in need of affordable homeownership.*

- Furniture, construction materials, appliances, holiday décor, tools and more; check the list of [donations wanted](#) and call to schedule pickup

HVAF (Helping Veterans and Families) – <https://www.hvafofindiana.org/>

*Helps homeless and at-risk veterans return to self-sufficiency*

- Gently used clothing, furniture, housewares (especially for kitchen), small appliances and more

Indiana Youth Group (IYG) – <https://www.indianayouthgroup.org/>

*IYG creates safer spaces to foster community and provides programming that empowers LGBTQ+ youth and magnifies their voices; Project Prism provides housing for youth, many of whom are kicked out of their homes.*

- Gently used bed linens, small kitchen appliances, kitchen sized trash cans, and laundry baskets

St. Vincent de Paul Mission 27 Resale – [https://www.svdpindy.org/i-want-to-help/ - goods](https://www.svdpindy.org/i-want-to-help/-goods)

*Supports people living in poverty, regardless of religious affiliations, race or national origin*

- Gently used clothing, furniture, home décor, housewares, appliances and more; pick up available

The Damien Center – <https://damien.org/>

*Serves individuals affected and infected by HIV/AIDS through a comprehensive, innovative approach to HIV care and prevention*

- Furniture, housewares, toiletries, cleaning supplies, craft items, silent auction items

## HOUSEWARES, continued

Volunteers of America – <https://www.voa.org/>

*A ministry of service dedicated to helping those in need rebuild their lives and reach their full potential*

- Housewares, furniture, clothing, bikes

## CLOTHING

Dress for Success – <https://www.indydfs.org/>

*Empowers women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life*

- Wide variety of current women's professional clothing, shoes, and purses in good condition (including business casual); check the list at <https://www.indydfs.org/clothing-donations/>

Fathers & Families Center – <https://fathersandfamiliescenter.org/>

*Assisting fathers in achieving self-sufficiency and in strengthening families to improve the life chances of children*

- Men's dress pants, suits, ties, belts, blazers, and shoes for job interviews and professional work

The Julian Center Thrifty Threads Store – <https://www.juliancenter.org/help-others/thrifty-threads/>

*Empowers survivors of domestic and sexual violence and creates a community where every individual is safe and respected*

- Women's, men's and children's clothing, dishes, home décor, small appliances, furniture and more; pickups available

Wheeler Mission – <https://wheelermission.org/ways-to-give/more-ways-to-help/>

*Endeavors to meet the most basic needs of the disadvantaged and homeless men, women, and children in the Indianapolis and Bloomington communities*

- Clothing and household items in clean and good condition

## SHOES

Changing Footprints – <https://www.changingfootprints.org/>

*Distributes new and gently used shoes to homeless, disaster-stricken, or underprivileged people locally, nationally, and internationally regardless of race, religion, gender, or ethnicity*

- New and used shoes; men's and children's shoes are especially needed

## MATTRESSES

Coburn Place – <https://coburnplace.org/>

*Offers compassionate support and safe housing choices for survivors of domestic violence and their children*

- Housewares, mattresses, linens, furniture

The Mustard Seed of Central Indiana – <https://mustardseedindy.org/request-a-pickup>

*Helps rebuild the lives of families and individuals who have suffered disaster, personal tragedy or other misfortunes by providing household furnishings*

- Priorities will be given to these items: Couches, love seats, kitchen tables & chairs, nightstands, dressers, and coffee/end tables. Clean mattresses and box springs also accepted. Pickups can be arranged.

## BOOKS

Indy Reads – <https://indyreads.org/>

*Builds literacy, English language, and job readiness skills to empower adults and families to reach their full potential*

- New and used books that are not damaged; no encyclopedias, textbooks, computer books, travel guides, magazines, dated material (annuals)

## BICYCLES

Freewheelin' Bikes – <https://www.freewheelinbikes.org/>

*Provides accessible bicycles and teaches youth life and leadership skills that improve their physical and mental well-being*

- Bicycles and bicycle components, apparel, bicycles, tools

## **BICYCLES, continued**

Volunteers of America (see above) also seeks bikes to provide transportation to veterans

## **BRAS**

Free the Girls – <https://www.freethegirls.org/>

*Providing a sustainable path out of poverty for women who have been exploited through sex trafficking*

- New and gently used bras in good condition; find donation locations [here](#)

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES/SMALL TOYS**

Teachers Treasures – <https://www.teacherstresures.org/>

*Obtains and distributes school supplies free to Marion County teachers of students in need*

- New school and art supplies, selected books/print materials in good condition, incentive toys and prizes

## **STUFFED ANIMALS AND OTHER CHILDREN'S ITEMS**

Stuffed Animals for Emergencies (SAFE) – <https://stuffedanimalsforemergencies.org/>

*Provides comfort to children in traumatic or emergency situations through donations*

- Stuffed animals, books, blankets, coloring books and crayons, children's clothes, and baby-related items; contact [neindianasafechapter@gmail.com](mailto:neindianasafechapter@gmail.com) for information about donating in Indiana

## **VASES**

Random Acts of Flowers Indianapolis – <https://rafindy.org/>

*Improves the emotional health and well-being of individuals in healthcare facilities by delivering recycled flowers, encouragement, and personal moments of kindness*

- Glass, ceramic, plastic, etc. vases or containers that hold fresh-cut flowers and water; ideal vases are 5"-9" tall with a 3.5" opening

## **ELECTRONICS**

RecycleForce – <https://recycleforce.org>

*Committed to reducing crime through employment and job training, while improving the environment through responsible electronics recycling*

- Any working or broken electronics (basically anything with a cord) and scrap metal can be dropped off for recycling; all devices containing memory or data will be destroyed; see the [complete list](#) of recyclable materials

### **Do you know another nonprofit that should be on this list?**

Please let me know by contacting me at [Stephanie@spiritandspacellc.com](mailto:Stephanie@spiritandspacellc.com).

## **OTHER OPTIONS FOR SELLING AND GIVING**

Try these social networks for selling and giving items away for free: Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, Nextdoor. In addition, the Buy Nothing network is a great option for free giveaways. Look for a group in your neighborhood.

**For assistance with downsizing, decluttering, and other home organizing needs contact**

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